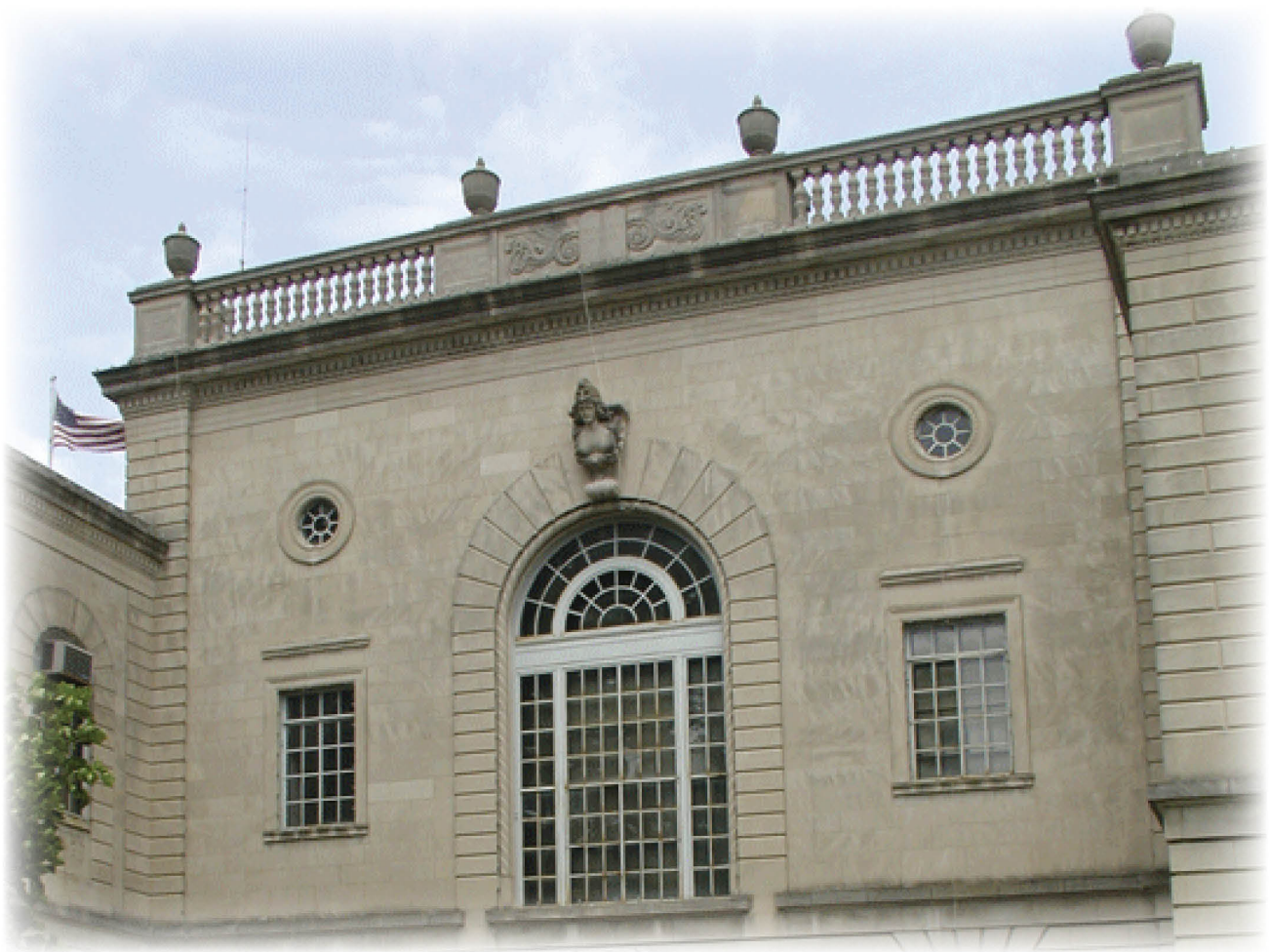


LAWRENCE COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Do not hesitate to contact your regional analyst, Kim Stevenson (812) 234-6602 x327, if you need further information about your area.



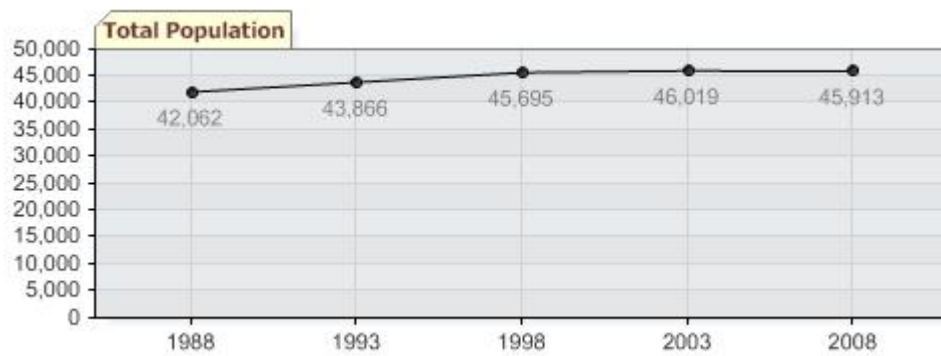
Location

Lawrence County is located in south central Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Orange County. Jackson and Washington Counties are adjacent to Lawrence County on the east, Monroe County to the north, and Martin and Greene Counties to the west. Lawrence County is one of the eight counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Economic Growth Region 8.

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

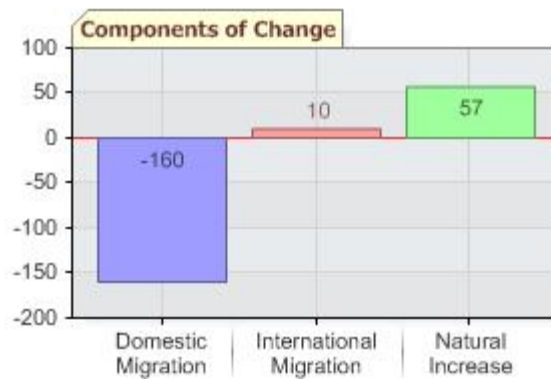
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	42,062	43,866	45,695	46,019	45,913
Change Since 1988		1,804	3,633	3,957	3,851
Pct. Change Since 1988		4.3%	8.6%	9.4%	9.2%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-160
International Migration	10
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	57
Births	538
Deaths	481



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007

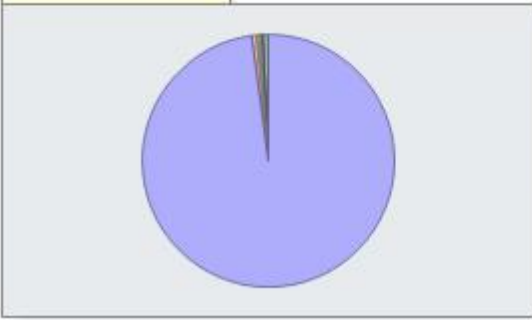
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	2,663	5.8%
School Age	7,842	17.1%
College Age	3,036	6.6%
Young Adult	12,476	27.1%
Older Adult	12,676	27.6%
Older (65 plus)	7,340	16.0%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	138	0.3%
Asian Alone	231	0.5%
Black Alone	266	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	2	0.0%
White Alone	45,055	98.0%
Two or More Race Groups	341	0.7%

Population by Race



97.98 %	White
0.58 %	Black
0.30 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.50 %	Asian
0.00 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.74 %	Two or More

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	45,559	99.1%
Hispanic or Latino	474	1.0%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000

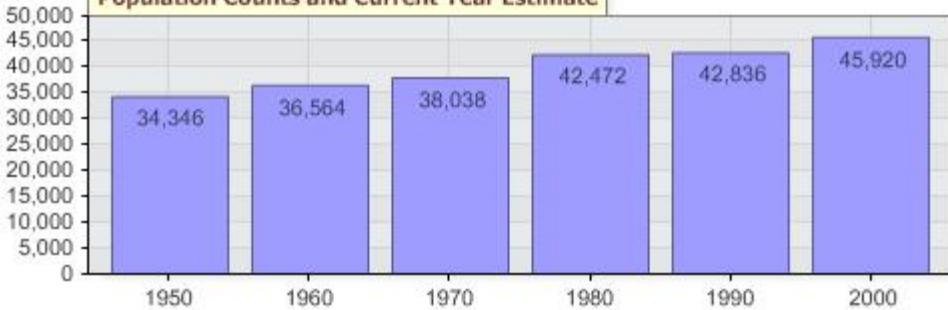
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	18,535	100.0%
Family Households	13,139	70.9%
Married with Children	4,450	24.0%
Married without Children	6,389	34.5%
Single Parents	1,373	7.4%
Other	927	5.0%
Non-family Households	5,396	29.1%
Living Alone	4,718	25.5%
Average Household Size	2.48	
Average Family Household Size	3.50	

Source: US Census Bureau

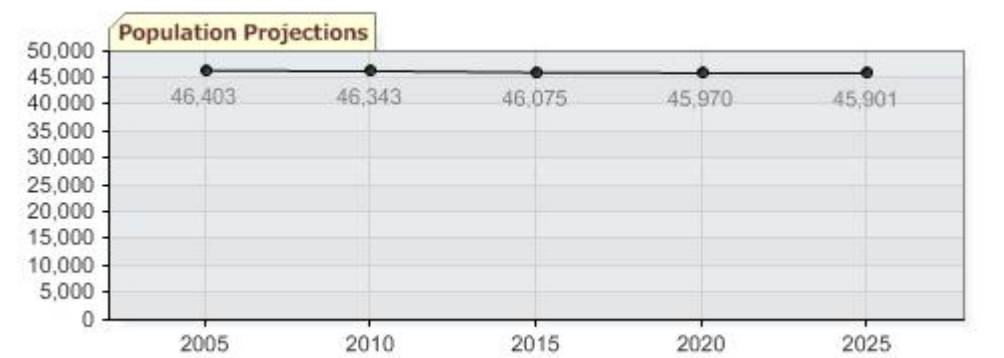
Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	34,346	NA	NA
1960	36,564	2,218	6.5%
1970	38,038	1,474	4.0%
1980	42,472	4,434	11.7%
1990	42,836	364	0.9%
April 2000	45,920	3,084	7.2%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A

Population Counts and Current Year Estimate



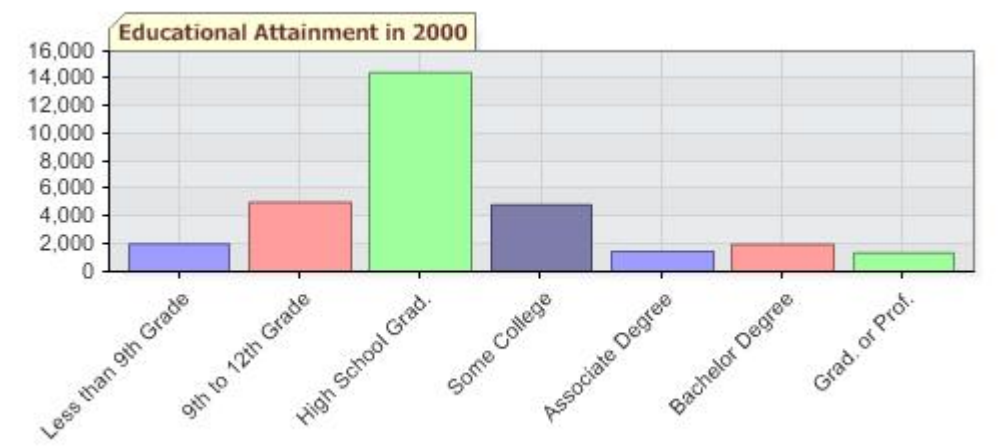
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	46,403	46,343	46,075	45,970	45,901
Change Since 2005		-60	-328	-433	-502
Pct. Change Since 2005		-0.1%	-0.7%	-0.9%	-1.1%



Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

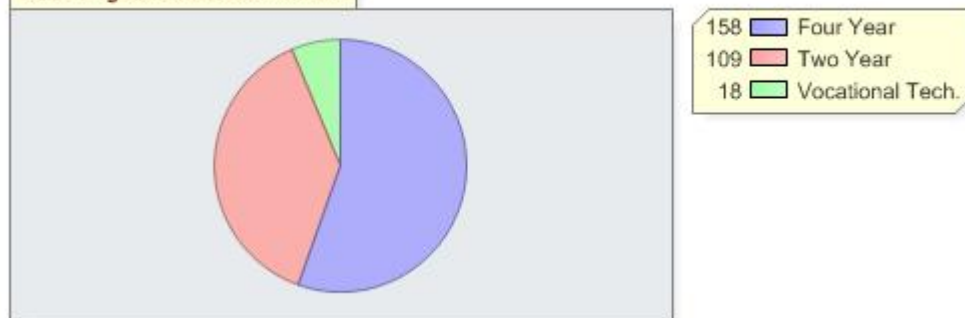
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	21,549	25,555	28,005	31,175
Less than 9th Grade	7,020	5,506	3,242	2,036
9th to 12th, No Diploma	5,125	5,285	5,241	5,021
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	7,351	11,188	12,413	14,449
Some College, No Degree			3,427	4,852
Associate Degree			1,053	1,473
Bachelors Degree			1,551	1,989
Graduate or Professional Degree			1,078	1,355



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	416	414	413	404
Total to Higher Education	296	296	291	285
Four-Year Institution	194	197	232	158
Two-Year Institution	87	89	27	109
Vocational/Tech.	15	10	32	18
Military	19	17	29	23

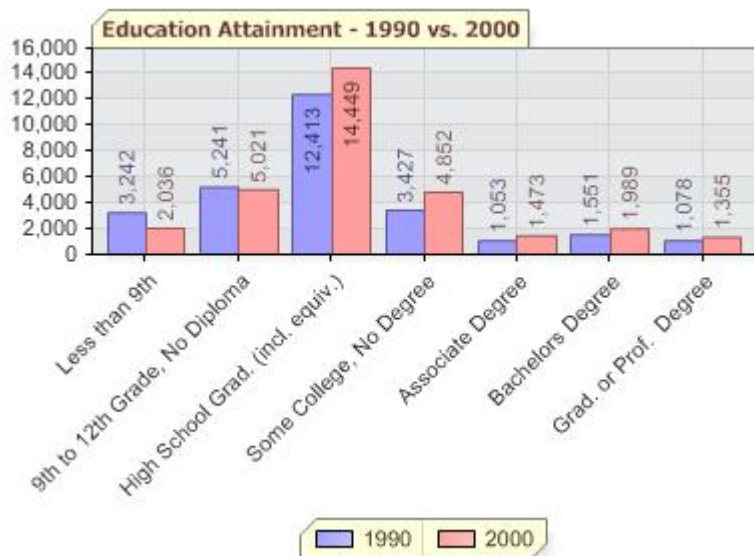
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	28,005	100.0%	31,175	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	3,242	11.6%	2,036	6.5%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	5,241	18.7%	5,021	16.1%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	12,413	44.3%	14,449	46.3%
Some College, No Degree	3,427	12.2%	4,852	15.6%
Associate Degree	1,053	3.8%	1,473	4.7%
Bachelors Degree	1,551	5.5%	1,989	6.4%
Graduate or Professional Degree	1,078	3.8%	1,355	4.3%

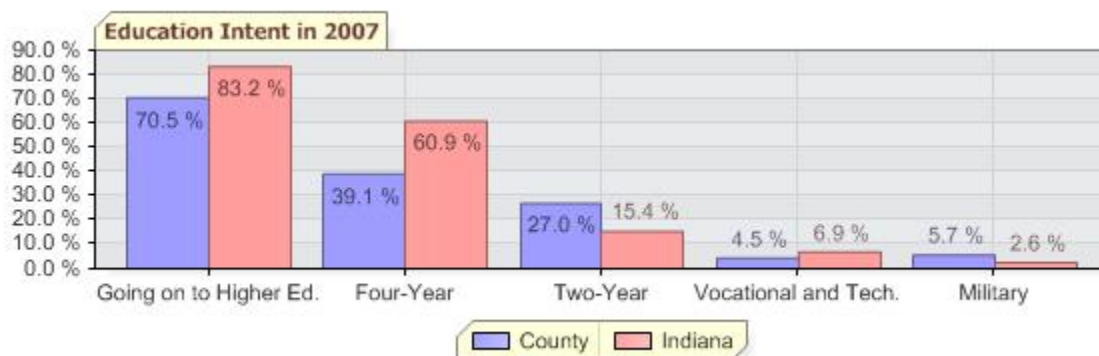


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	70.5%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	39.1%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	27.0%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	4.5%	6.9%
Military	5.7%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

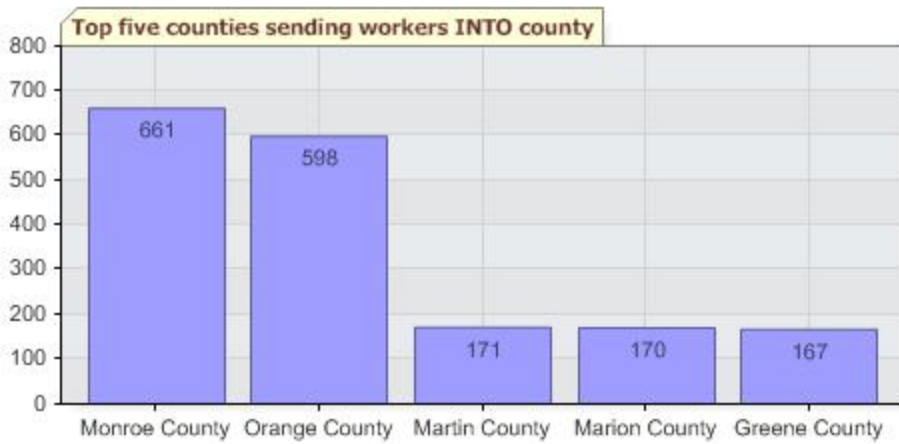
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	31,387
Number of tax filers who work in the county	26,810
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	24,273
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	2,537

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

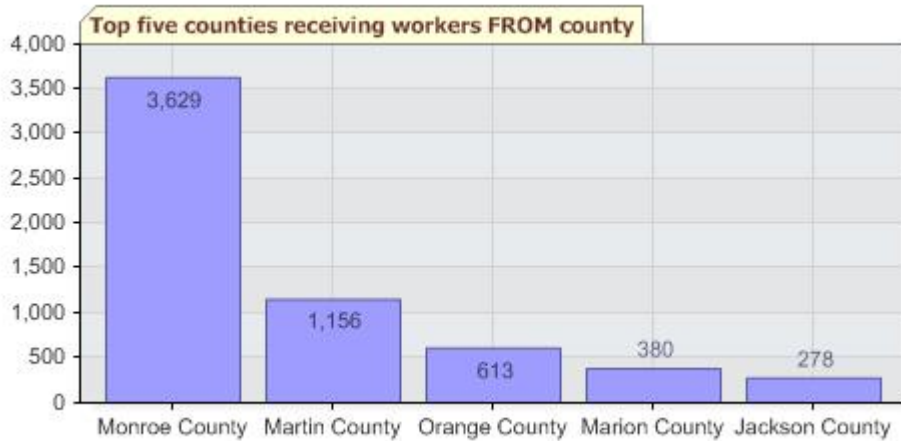
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Monroe County	661	37.8%
Orange County	598	34.2%
Martin County	171	9.8%
Marion County	170	9.7%
Greene County	167	8.4%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Monroe County	3,629	59.9%
Martin County	1,156	19.1%
Orange County	613	10.1%
Marion County	380	6.3%
Jackson County	278	4.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

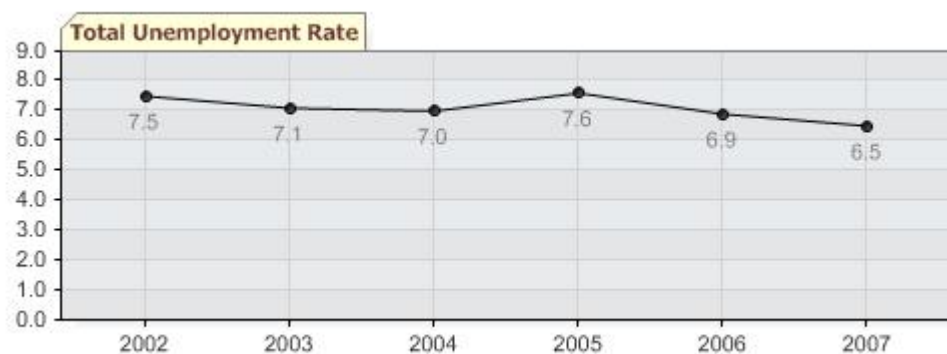
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	21,301	100.0%
Travel To Work	20,795	97.6%
Car, Truck, or Van	20,181	94.7%
Traveled Alone	17,064	80.1%
Carpooled	3,117	14.6%
Used Public Transportation	101	0.5%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	513	2.4%
Worked At Home	506	2.4%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	25.2	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	31.2	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

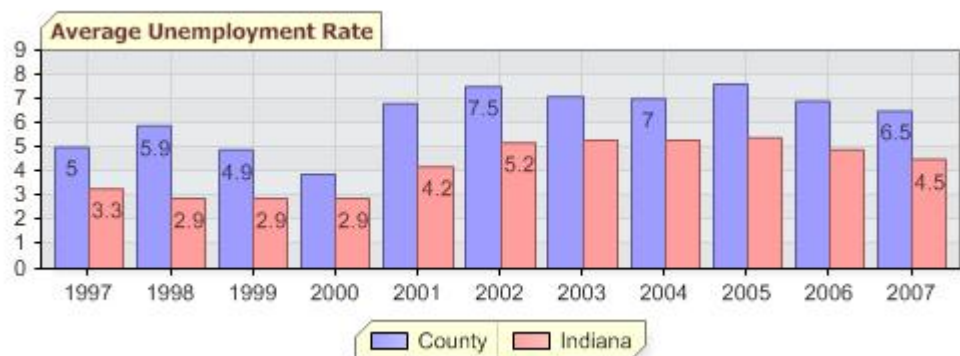
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	22,224	-3.5%
Employed	20,784	-6.1%
Unemployed	1,440	60.7%
Rate	6.5	66.7%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	24,445	23,225	1,220	5.0	3.3
1998	23,746	22,346	1,400	5.9	2.9
1999	23,022	21,901	1,121	4.9	2.9
2000	23,038	22,142	896	3.9	2.9
2001	23,200	21,628	1,572	6.8	4.2
2002	23,040	21,306	1,734	7.5	5.2
2003	22,589	20,982	1,607	7.1	5.3
2004	22,297	20,733	1,564	7.0	5.3
2005	22,399	20,690	1,709	7.6	5.4
2006	22,810	21,245	1,565	6.9	4.9
2007	22,224	20,784	1,440	6.5	4.5



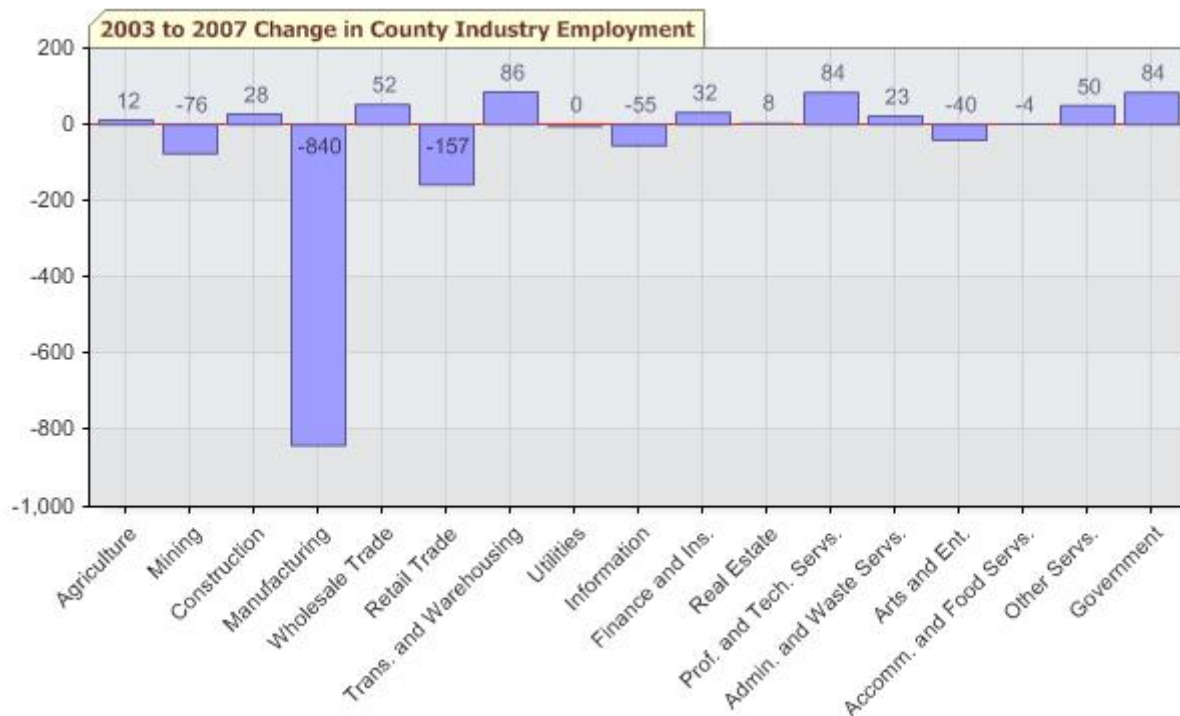
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	14,287	14,150	14,016	14,361	14,002	-285	-1.99%
Total Private Employment	11,724	11,521	11,473	11,711	11,355	-369	-3.15%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	28	34	47	46	40	12	42.86%
Mining	244	193	192	167	168	-76	-31.15%
Construction	435	447	499	577	463	28	6.44%
Manufacturing	3,955	3,828	3,712	3,539	3,115	-840	-21.24%
Wholesale Trade	208	206	180	205	260	52	25.00%
Retail Trade	2,045	1,977	1,970	1,968	1,888	-157	-7.68%
Transport. and Warehousing	228	230	243	240	314	86	37.72%
Utilities	66	70	71	74	66	0	0.00%
Information	254	236	230	208	199	-55	-21.65%
Finance and Insurance	353	350	379	399	385	32	9.07%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	121	134	98	104	129	8	6.61%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	256	283	288	290	340	84	32.81%
Mgmt. of Companies	30	34	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	145	152	151	169	168	23	15.86%
Educational Services	49	67	57	92	80	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,525	1,556	1,611	1,820	1,919	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	119	121	93	87	79	-40	-33.61%
Accommodation and Food Service	1,292	1,203	1,211	1,279	1,288	-4	-0.31%
Other Services	372	402	409	414	422	50	13.44%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	2,563	2,629	2,543	2,650	2,647	84	3.28%

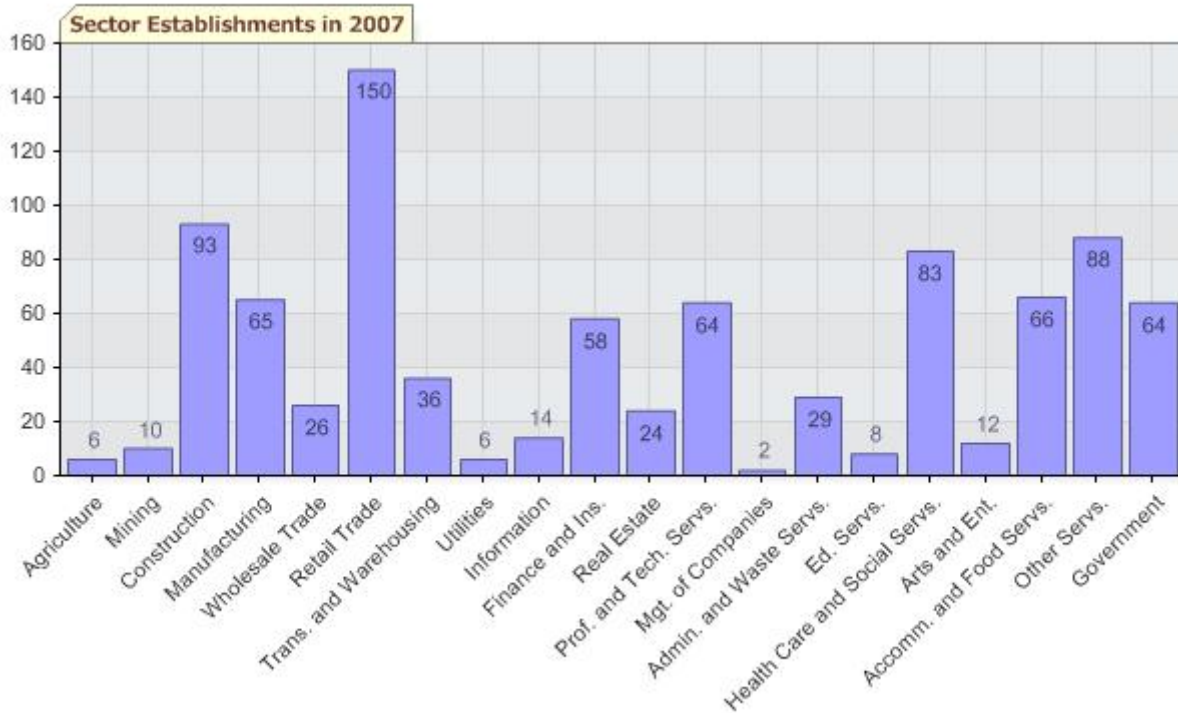


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	897	903	892	892	901	4	0.45%
Total Private Establishments	840	844	834	834	837	-3	-0.36%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	6	7	8	7	6	0	0.00%
Mining	13	12	12	11	10	-3	-23.08%
Construction	88	91	93	92	93	5	5.68%
Manufacturing	62	64	63	66	65	3	4.84%
Wholesale Trade	28	30	27	25	26	-2	-7.14%
Retail Trade	172	168	164	156	150	-22	-12.79%
Transport. and Warehousing	33	36	31	30	36	3	9.09%
Utilities	8	8	7	7	6	-2	-25.00%
Information	18	17	15	15	14	-4	-22.22%
Finance and Insurance	52	50	52	55	58	6	11.54%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	27	26	22	24	24	-3	-11.11%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	53	59	61	64	64	11	20.75%
Mgmt. of Companies	3	4	D	D	D	-1	-33.33%
Admin. and Waste Services	23	23	26	27	29	6	26.09%
Educational Services	4	5	7	9	8	4	100.00%
Health Care and Social Assistance	86	82	82	83	83	-3	-3.49%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	15	16	13	12	12	-3	-20.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	67	62	65	67	66	-1	-1.49%
Other Services	85	84	83	84	88	3	3.53%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	57	59	58	58	64	7	12.28%



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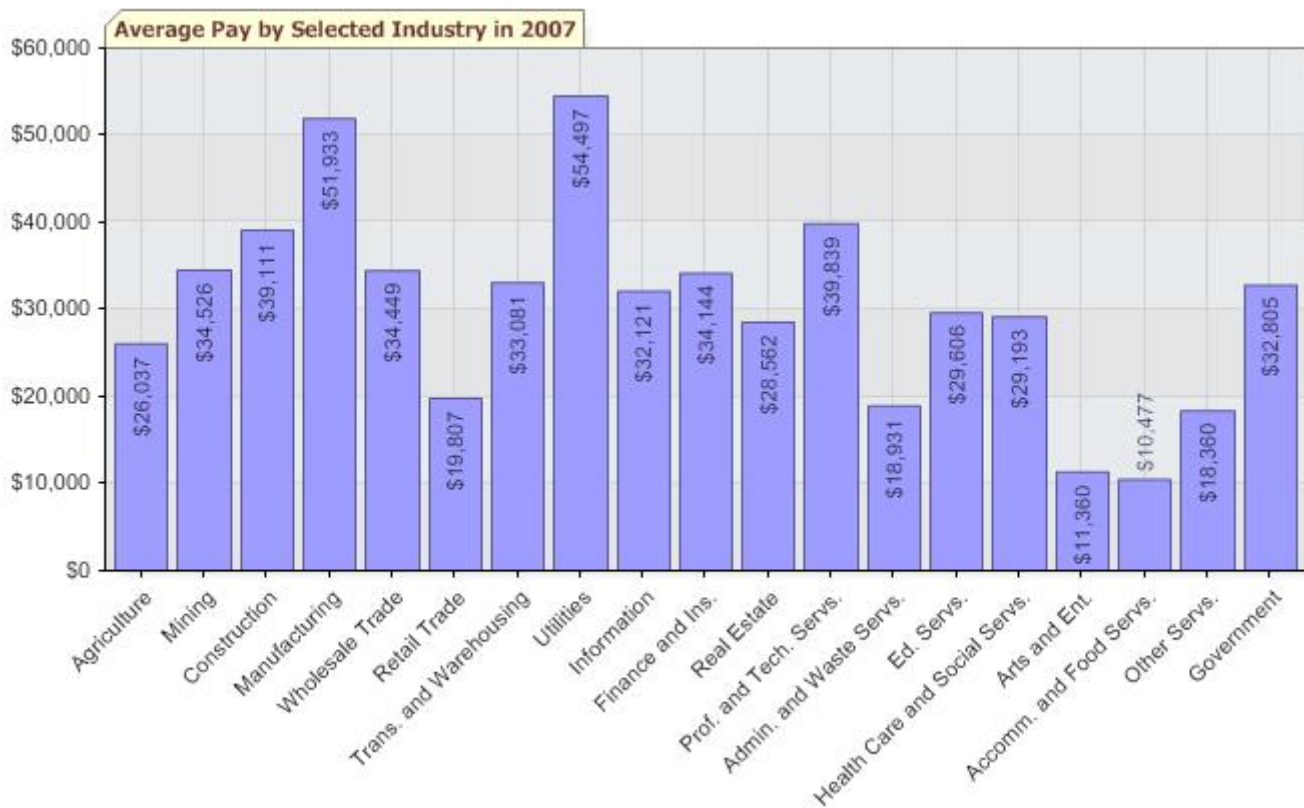
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

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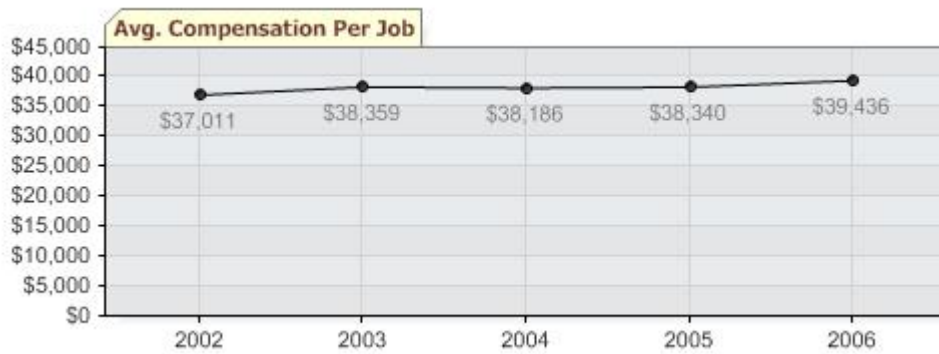
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$30,440	\$32,608	\$2,168	7.1%	\$37,530	86.9%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$20,838	\$26,037	\$5,199	25.0%	\$28,008	93.0%
Mining	\$32,713	\$34,526	\$1,813	5.5%	\$57,315	60.2%
Construction	\$28,995	\$39,111	\$10,116	34.9%	\$44,754	87.4%
Manufacturing	\$47,257	\$51,933	\$4,676	9.9%	\$51,148	101.5%
Wholesale Trade	\$30,491	\$34,449	\$3,958	13.0%	\$51,432	67.0%
Retail Trade	\$17,655	\$19,807	\$2,151	12.2%	\$22,581	87.7%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$30,277	\$33,081	\$2,804	9.3%	\$38,012	87.0%
Utilities	\$48,798	\$54,497	\$5,699	11.7%	\$68,267	79.8%
Information	\$27,621	\$32,121	\$4,500	16.3%	\$46,311	69.4%
Finance & Insurance	\$29,134	\$34,144	\$5,009	17.2%	\$52,649	64.9%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$31,903	\$28,562	-\$3,342	-10.5%	\$32,614	87.6%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$35,226	\$39,839	\$4,613	13.1%	\$51,451	77.4%
Mgt.of Companies	\$52,463	D	N/A	N/A	\$72,682	N/A
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$18,637	\$18,931	\$294	1.6%	\$24,934	75.9%
Education Svcs.	\$12,822	\$29,606	\$16,785	130.9%	\$31,029	95.4%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$27,566	\$29,193	\$1,627	5.9%	\$37,706	77.4%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$10,800	\$11,360	\$561	5.2%	\$29,251	38.8%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$9,328	\$10,477	\$1,149	12.3%	\$12,442	84.2%
Other Svcs.	\$18,315	\$18,360	\$44	0.2%	\$24,862	73.8%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$30,034	\$32,805	\$2,771	9.2%	\$37,054	88.5%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

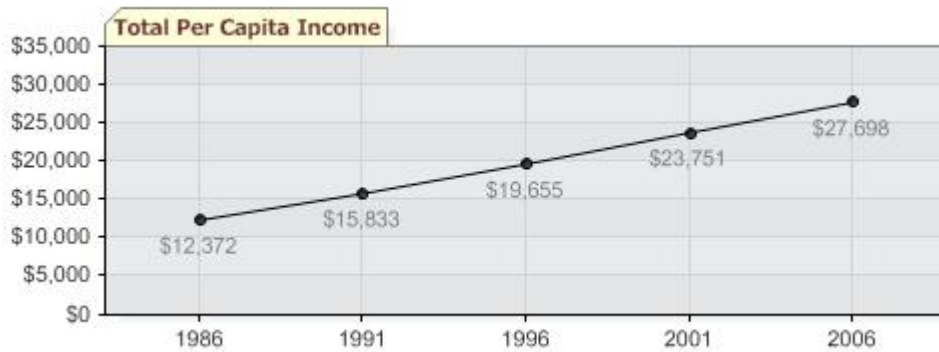
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$37,011	\$38,359	\$38,186	\$38,340	\$39,436
Change Since 2002		\$1,348	\$1,175	\$1,329	\$2,425
Pct. Change Since 2002		3.6%	3.2%	3.6%	6.6%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$12,372	\$15,833	\$19,655	\$23,751	\$27,698
Change Since 1986		\$3,461	\$7,283	\$11,379	\$15,326
Pct. Change Since 1986		28.0%	58.9%	92.0%	123.9%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$32,600
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	27.0%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

Firms and Employment by Size

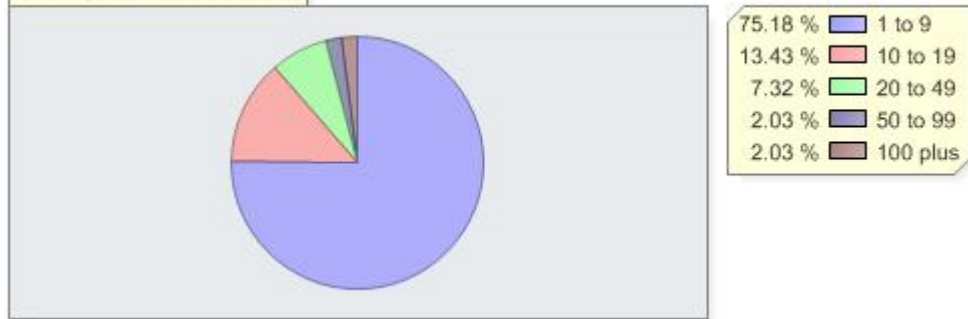
Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	739	34	4.8%	75.2%
10-19 employees	132	9	7.3%	13.4%
20-49 employees	72	-7	-8.9%	7.3%

50-99 employees	20	-4	-16.7%	2.0%
100 plus employees	20	3	17.6%	2.0%
TOTAL	983	35	3.7%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

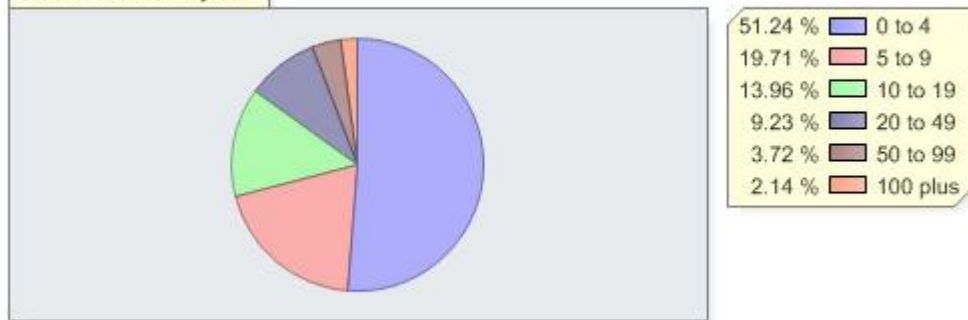


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	455	51.2%
5 to 9 employees	175	19.7%
10 to 19 employees	124	14.0%
20 to 49 employees	82	9.2%
50 to 99 employees	33	3.7%
100 plus employees	19	2.1%
TOTAL	888	100.0%

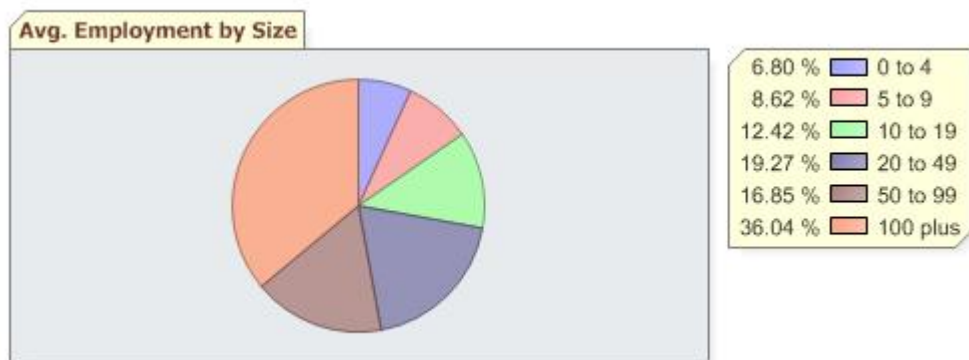
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	930	6.8%
5 to 9 employees	1,179	8.6%
10 to 19 employees	1,700	12.4%
20 to 49 employees	2,637	19.3%
50 to 99 employees	2,305	16.8%
100 plus employees	4,931	36.0%
TOTAL	13,683	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.